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SUBJ: ANDEAN INVESTMENT MISSION

REF: STATE 50021

- 1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED PROPOSED MISSION (REFTEL) WITH MINISTER OF PLANNING JUAN LECHIN SUAREZ, MINISTER EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL INTEREST IN VISIT EXPLAINING THAT HE IS ANXIOUS TO MOVE AWABY FROM PAST GOB POLICIES AND EXPAND INVESTMENTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. LECHIN PLANS TO ATTEND PARIS MEETING MAY2-6 AND WILL NOT LEAVE EUROPE UNTIL MAY 10. BECAUSE THE MINISTER WISHES TO PARTICIPATE PERSONALLY IN THE ANDEAN MISSION DISCUSSIONS, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF THE MISSION COULD ARRIVE LATER.
- 2. EMBOFF ALSO DISCUSS VISIT BY INVESTMENT MISSION WITH MR GARCIA (GOB OFFICIAL) AND MR JORGE LONSDALE (PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENT-ATIVE) MARCH 10. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE VISIT, KEY GOB OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES PLAN TO ATTEND PARIS MEETING MAY 2-6. FOLLOWING THIS MEETING SEVERAL OF THEM PLAN EXTENSIVE TRAVEL IN EUROPE UNTIL LATE MAY. BECAUSE THE PARIS MEETING WILL CONSIDER A HOST OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS WE THINK UNCLASSIFIED

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IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE MISSION TO TALK WITH BOLIVIANS AFTER THIS MEETING.

3. FOR THESE REASONS WE PREFER VISIT BE MADE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS OF MAY OR THE FIRST DAYS OF JUNE. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS ADJUST-MENT IN SCHEDULE CAN BE MADE.

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